(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The following are the main steps being taken by Indian Airlines to reduce costs of operation :

—Improvement in productivity.

—Control of unproductive expenditure.

—Close monitoring of schedule matching with demand.

—Increased utilisation of fuel efficient aircraft (Airbus A 320) fleet.

—Monitoring of upliftment of food etc. to avoid wastage

—Life development programme to increase the number of cycles between various checks/inspections to reduce cost and to increase availability of aircraft.

Direction for Covering feeder routes by Private Airlines

1341. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that private air companies are concentrating on metropolitan cities and trunk routes or revenue earning areas like Goa and Bangalore ;

(b) if so, the details thereof, companies wise, and the reasons therefor ;

(c) whether private air companies are given direction by Government to cover feeder routes, smaller cities and towns as well as tourist centres in the country, particularly in Punjab ;

(d) whether some of the passengers were shabily treated by the staff and officers after having been issued confirmed tickets ; and

(e) if so, what measures Government have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) and (b) Under the existing Air Taxi guidelines, air taxi operators are free to operate to any airport to which scheduled services operate. The places to which air taxi are operating currently are set out in the statement. Selection of these places done by the operators on commercial considerations (*See* below).

(c) In terms of the Air Taxi Guidelines Air Taxi Operators are required to operate atleast equal number of flights on sectors below 700 Kms. as to sectors above stage length of more than 700 Kms.

(d) No specific incident has been reported.

(e) Does not arise.

Statement

Details of the Stations Operated by Air Taxi Operators

1. M/s M.G. EXPRESS, LTD. . . .	STATION
	1. DELHI
	2. JAMMU
	3. HYDERABAD
	4. COCHIN
	5. GOA
	6. MADRAS
	7. BOMBAY
	8. BANGALORE
	9. CALCUTTA
2. M/S DELHI GULF AIRWAYS SERVICES (P) LTD.	1. DELHI
	2. MODIPURAM
	3. KOTDWAR
	4. PATIALA
	5. AGRA

3. M/S EAST WEST AIRLINES	1. BOMBAY 2. COCHIN 3. COMBATORE 4. CALCUTTA 5. CALICUT 6. DELHI 7. BANGALORE 8. JODHPUR 9. MADRAS 10. TRIVANDRUM 11. RAJKOT 12. BHAVNAGAR 13. AURANGABAD 14. BARODA 15. PUNE 16. GUWAHATI 17. BELGAUM 18. GOA 19. MANGALORE 20. JAIPUR 21. MADURAI
4. M/S ARCHANA AIRWAYS	1. DELHI 2. JAMMU 3. KULU 4. LUDHIANA 5. CHANDIGARH 6. HISAR
5. M/S DAMANI, AIRWAYS	1. BOMBAY 2. CALCUTTA 3. BANGALORE 4. GOA 5. DELHI 6. PUNE 7. INDORE 8. MADRAS
6. M/S JEI AIRWAYS	1. DELHI 2. BOMBAY 3. COIMBATORE 4. CALICUT 5. GOA 6. BARODA 7. AHMEDABAD 8. COCHIN 9. HYDERABAD 10. BANGALORE
7. M/S SAHARA INDIA AIRLINES	1. DELHI 2. BANGALORE 3. BOMBAY 4. CALCUTTA
8. M/S JAGSON AIRLINES	1. DELHI 2. KULU 3. CHANDIGARH
9. M/S RAJ AIR RAJ AVIATION	1. BOMBAY 2. MANGALORE 3. TRIPUTI 4. AGRA